

REMARKS

In the above amendments, the elements of originally presented claims 4 and 5 have been incorporated into all of the dependent claims. In addition, dependencies of dependent claims have been amended where needed in view of the cancellation of claims 4 and 5.

The above amendments have been made solely in order to expedite the present application to allowance.

The Applicant's note that the same set of claims as presented in the present application was presented in the corresponding PCT application serial no. PCT/US03/39524. In addition, the Examiner of the present application, Examiner Nasser, searched and examined these claims in the corresponding PCT application. A copy of the search report generated by the Examiner of the present application in the corresponding PCT application is enclosed.

Based on the findings of the search report, it is believed that the subject matter of original claim 5 is allowable over the art of record. Accordingly, the subject matter of original claim 5 has been incorporated into all of the pending claims.

As such, it is believed that the present application is condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION


In view of the amendments and remarks above, this application is considered to be in good and proper form for allowance and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issuance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number PRTS-012.

Respectfully submitted,

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